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### A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA TO SUPPORT ACCELERATED LANDSCAPE-SCALE, CONSENSUS-BASED, INDUSTRY-SUPPORTED COMMUNITY PROTECTION, FOREST RESTORATION AND FIRE MANAGEMENT ACROSS ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Director of the United States Forest Service and the Governor of  
2 Arizona:

3 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

4 Whereas, the State of Arizona has experienced degraded forest and  
5 watershed health conditions over the past several decades, most significantly  
6 represented by large, unnaturally severe fires, including the Rodeo-Chideski  
7 fire in 2002; and

8 Whereas, the *Statewide Strategy for Restoring Arizona's Forests* has  
9 developed consensus across the state regarding the need for landscape-scale,  
10 scientifically informed community protection, restoration, fire management  
11 and sustainable economic development strategies for the next 20 years; and

12 Whereas, the *Analysis of Small-Diameter Wood Supply in Northern Arizona*  
13 recently clarified consensus among a wide variety of stakeholders regarding  
14 the type and location of ecologically appropriate, science-informed forest  
15 thinning treatments across Arizona; and

16 Whereas, accelerated landscape-scale, consensus-based, industry-  
17 supported community protection, forest restoration and fire management  
18 activities will enhance the ecological and economic health of Arizona's  
19 forests and provide innumerable benefits to Arizona's communities, including  
20 protection from unnaturally severe wildfires, as well as jobs and sustained  
21 economic revenue.

22 Wherefore, your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
23 Representatives concurring, prays:

24 1. That the United States Forest Service and the Governor of Arizona  
25 validate and institutionalize the consensus agreement reached in the  
26 *Statewide Strategy* and the *Analysis of Small-Diameter Wood Supply in Northern*  
27 *Arizona* in any and all relevant forest planning processes.

28 2. That the United States Forest Service and the Governor of Arizona  
29 establish landscape-scale planning, implementation and monitoring mechanisms  
30 that allow the Forest Health Council and other relevant collaboratives the  
31 opportunity to continue building and translating social agreement within the  
32 context of accelerated treatments across Arizona.

33 3. That the United States Forest Service and the Governor of Arizona  
34 aggressively pursue the development of long-term stewardship contracts and  
35 agreements beyond those already in place that support an additional annual  
36 30,000 acres of mechanical thinning over a 20-year period, as prescribed by  
37 the *Supply Study* consensus agreement parameters.

38 4. That the United States Forest Service and the Governor of Arizona  
39 identify, bolster partnerships with and direct contracts towards those  
40 industries with a proven collaborative record, and with the ability to  
41 substantially offset planning, administration, preparation and treatment  
42 costs in the process of meeting the ecological goals identified within the  
43 *Supply Study*.

1       5. That the United States Forest Service and the Governor of Arizona  
2 clearly identify additional federal appropriations needed to support  
3 acceleration of consensus-supported and scientifically informed forest  
4 restoration treatments across Arizona, and support Arizona's congressional  
5 delegation in its efforts to secure those appropriations.

6       6. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
7 of this Memorial to the Director of the United States Forest Service, the  
8 Governor of Arizona and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.